Docket No. 15162/0





IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

U.S. Application of:

Masahito NIIKAWA and Hiroaki KUBO

For:

DRIVING DEVICE AND INFORMATION

PROCESSING DEVICE FOR A DATA STORAGE

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002 which provides for a response period ending September 5, 2002.

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, dated June 5, 2002, for two (2) additional months to November 5, 2002, is being filed concurrently.